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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR

PROVIDING TICKETS FROM GAMING DEVICES AND/OR LOTTERY TERMINALS

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION **DATED AUGUST 15, 2003**

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated August 15, 2003. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action. This response is therefore timely filed within the extended period of response as the expiration for taking action (weekend of Febrauary 14-15, 2004) were days in which the Patent Office was closed (Saturday/Sunday). This Amendment is accompanied by a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, a request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a check in the amount of \$1,720.00 for the requisite petition and RCE fees. After entry of this Amendment, claims 48-50 and 53-126 remain pending in the Application, with claims 48, 84, and 116 being independent. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.